

## **MINUTES**

### **MONTANA SENATE 61st LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**

#### **COMMITTEE ON BUSINESS, LABOR, AND ECONOMIC AFFAIRS**

**Call to Order:** Chairman Joe Balyeat, on April 2, 2009 at 10 A.M.,  
in Room 422 Capitol

#### **ROLL CALL**

##### **Members Present:**

Sen. Joe Balyeat, Chairman (R)  
Sen. Verdell Jackson, Vice Chairman (R)  
Sen. Roy Brown (R)  
Sen. Jim Keane (D)  
Sen. Carolyn Squires (D)  
Sen. Donald J. Steinbeisser (R)  
Sen. Joseph (Joe) Tropila (D)

**Members Excused:** Sen. Gregory D. Barkus (R)  
Sen. Jim Peterson (R)  
Sen. Sharon Stewart-Peregoy (D)  
Sen. Jonathan Windy Boy (D)

**Members Absent:** None

**Staff Present:** Linda Keim, Committee Secretary  
Pat Murdo, Legislative Branch

**Audio Committees:** These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

##### **Committee Business Summary:**

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 598, 3/30/2009

Executive Action: None

**HEARING ON HB 598**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:00:38 Rep. Pat Noonan (D), HD 73, opened the hearing on HB 598, Revise independent contractor exemptions.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:02:05 Wilbur Rehmann, musician

00:05:43 Mark Staples, musician, also representing Montana Tavern Association, and Rep. George Grosbeck, recently deceased

00:10:34 Sheena Rice, students of Montana Public Interest Research Group (Mont PIRG)

**Opponents' Testimony:**

00:11:05 Jason Miller, Labor-Management Advisory Council on Workers Compensation (LMAC), Department of Labor and Industry (DOLI)

00:13:43 Bob Worthington, Vice Chairman, LMAC

00:15:03 Jerry Keck, Department of Labor and Industry

[EXHIBIT](#)(bus73a01)

**Informational Testimony:**

00:16:54 Kevin Braun, Montana State Fund

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:17:11 Sen. Squires

00:19:25 Mark Staples

00:21:02 Sen. Squires

00:21:46 Jerry Keck

00:22:08 Sen. Brown

00:22:48 Wilbur Rehmann

00:23:46 Sen. Brown

00:24:24 Jerry Keck

00:25:56 Chairman Balyeat

00:26:05 Sen. Brown

00:26:16 Rep. Noonan

00:26:40 Chairman Balyeat

00:27:39 Sen. Stewart-Peregoy arrived.

00:33:50 Jerry Keck

00:34:00 Sen. Tropila

00:34:14 Rep. Noonan  
00:34:51 Sen. Tropila  
00:35:41 Jerry Keck  
00:36:18 Sen. Tropila  
00:36:27 Kevin Braun

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:37:04 Rep. Noonan  
  
00:39:06 Chairman Balyeat  
00:39:22 Pat Murdo  
00:39:47 Chairman Balyeat

**Additional Exhibit:**

**EXHIBIT**(bus73a02) pertains to 3/27/09 Hearing on HB 331.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 10:44 A.M.

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Linda Keim, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

**EXHIBIT ([bus73aad.pdf](#))**